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The reply filed on August 16, 2004 for application serial number 10/032,078 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the reply has not fully addressed the rejections cited under 35 USC 112 first and second paragraphs. The requirements of 37 CFR 1.11(b) states that the reply must present arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the claims patentable including any newly added claims. Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 and presented new claims 10-15, the newly added claims include limitation that was rejected under 35 USC 112. Applicant should submit a supplemental response to address the rejections cited under 35 USC 112 to be fully responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greta L. Robinson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 9:30AM-6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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